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SUBJ: IRANIAN-AFGHAN DISCUSSIONS ON BALUCHISTAN

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH DESCRIBED TO ME ON SEPTEMBER 18 THE VISIT THAT A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, SADRIEH, HAD MADE TO KABUL SEPTEMBER 13-16. ACCORDING TO ABDULLAH, SADRIEH CAME HERE BECAUSE THE SHAH, HAVING RECEIVED PRESIDENT DAOUD'S APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE BALUCH PEOPLE (KABUL 5812) WANTED TO BE INFORMED IN MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE AFGHAN POSITION ON THIS PROBLEM.

2. ABDULLAH SAID HE AND DAOUD'S BROTHER NAIM HAD GIVEN SADRIEH THE FULL AFGHAN POSITON, STRESSING THE AFGHAN DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT CONDITIONS WITH PAKISTAN, AFGHAN OPPOSITION TO THE DISINTEGRATION OF PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN'S HOPE THAT BHUTTO WILL NEGOTIATE WITH THE PEOPLE OF BALUCHISTAN TO BRING ABOUT A POLITICAL ORDER THERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAKISTANI CONSTITUTION AND AFGHANISTAN'S GROWING CONCERN THAT BHUTTO'S REPRESSIVE POLICY IN BALUCHISTAN WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS SITUTATION, INCLUDING A LARGE INFLUX OF REFUGEES INTO AFGHANISTAN.

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3. ABDULLAH SAID THAT SADRIEH EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER

THE SITUATION IN PAKISTANI BALUCHISTAN AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE AFGHAN POSITION. HE SAID THAT SADRIEH SUGGESTED THAT BOTH IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN SHOULD PRESS BHUTTO TO ARRIVE AT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. ABDULLAH SAID HE POINTED OUT TO SADRIEH THAT THE GOA COULD INFLUENCE THE NAP BUT HAS NO INFLUENCE ON BHUTTO AND THAT IT IS UP TO OTHERS, SUCH AS IRAN, THE US AND THE USSR TO PRESSURE BHUTTO.

4. ABDULLAH SAID HE HAD INFORMED SADRIEH, AND THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE GOA HAD TOLD THIS TO THE IRANIANS, THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE JULY 1973 COUP, SEVERAL DISSEDENT IRANIAN BALUCHI LEADERS HAD COME TO KABUL TO ATTEMPT TO GET SUPPORT FROM DAOUD. DAOUD HAD AT THAT TIME BEEN NONCOMMITTAL, THE BALUCHIS HAD LEFT AFGHANISTAN, AND AFGHAN MISSIONS OVERSEAS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO GIVE THEM VISAS TO RETURN.

5. ABDULLAH ALSO NOTED IN PASSING THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS CALLED ON DAOUD TO GET THE AFGHAN POSITION PRIOR TO BHUTTO'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO MOSCOW.

6. CONCLUDING THIS PART OF THE CONVERSATION, ABDULLAH ASKED IF THE USG COULD NOT PRESSURE BHUTTO "TO STOP THE BOMBING IN BALUCHISTAN". I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD REPORT THIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. I DON'T THINK HE EXPECTS AN ANSWER.

7. COMMENT: ALACRITY WITH WHICH SADRIEH SENT TO KABUL AND EMPHASIS ON PROBLEMS IN BALUCHISTAN MAY ALSO BEAR OUT REPORT EMBASSY TEHRAN HAS HAD OF IRANIAN UNEASINESS ABOUT AFGHAN INCLUSION OF BALUCHIS IN TRADITIONAL PUSHTUNISTAN DISPUTE IN VIEW LARGE NUMBER OF BALUCHIS IN IRAN.

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